

REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action of May 15, 2007. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-9, 11, 12, 14, and 15 are requested.

The Office Action

Claims 1-9 stand allowed.

Claims 10, 11, and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Kawashima (EP 0 544 943).

Claims 12, 14, and 15 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

The Present Amendment

The present amendment cancels claims 10 and 13, places allowable claims 12 and 14 in independent form, and amends claim 11 to depend from claim 12. Because claims 12 and 14 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter, it is submitted that this amendment places the application in condition for allowance.

The Present Amendment Should Be Entered

The present amendment should be entered as placing the application in condition for allowance without raising issues that would require further search or consideration.

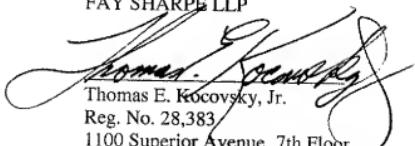
CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, it is submitted that claims 1-9, 11, 12, 14, and 15 are now in condition for allowance. An early allowance of all claims is requested.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he is requested to telephone Thomas Kocovsky at (216) 861-5582.

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